



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**PUBLIC LANDS DAY**  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2005

**WHEREAS**, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, communities, business leaders, and state and local officials; and

**WHEREAS**, an alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 24, 2005, **PUBLIC LANDS DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State